



## ENERGY STAR® RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS



### Dear California Stakeholders,

In response to California's 2025 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, the EPA is proposing new versions of the ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Program Requirements for California: Single-Family New Homes (SFNH) Version 3.5 and Multifamily New Construction (MFNC) Version 1.5.

There are two primary changes to the performance targets in these proposed versions. The first is to update them to reference the 2025 edition of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (2025 Standards). The second is to align with the revised terminology used in the latest edition of the code, namely Long-Term System Cost (LSC) rather than Energy Design Rating (EDR). More specifically, the following performance targets are proposed:

- For the SFNH program, the following two options:
  1. An Efficiency LSC Compliance Margin  $\geq 10\%$  above 2025 Standards, or,
  2. An Efficiency LSC  $\geq 5$  points above 2025 Standards
- For the MFNC program, an Efficiency LSC Compliance Margin  $\geq 10\%$  above 2025 Standards.

In addition, for the new version of the SFNH program, the EPA is proposing an infiltration backstop of 3.5 ACH50, with an alternative of 0.30 CFM50 per sq. ft. of dwelling unit enclosure area for dwellings  $\leq 1,500$  sq. ft. of conditioned floor area, townhouses, and attached dwelling units.

Other mandatory features (i.e., the national program checklists) are proposed to remain unchanged relative to the current program requirements in California.

A four-week stakeholder feedback period commences today, October 10th, ending November 7th. The EPA values the feedback of our ENERGY STAR partners and other program stakeholders and will consider all feedback received during the comment period. Visit the [ENERGY STAR website](#) to view the draft program requirements, watch the recording of a webinar about the proposal, and access the Stakeholder Comment Form. Note that all submitted comments will be posted on the ENERGY STAR website.

Please feel free to forward this information to other interested stakeholders working in the residential new construction market in California.

Best Regards,  
ENERGY STAR Residential New Construction Team

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